(a) whether the Union Government have taken any decision about payment of Bhutan Compensatory Allowance to the Defence Accounts Employees serving in Bhutan;

(b) if so, tha details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay and the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE : (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to financial and other implications, decisions in such matters require close prior consultation with various concerned Ministeries/Departments, which takes time.

[*Translation*[

Land Acquired for Military Cantonment in Ranchi

7007. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land of the farmers of Lalganj Khatanga and Mani City police station in Ranchi District (Bihar) had been acquire in 1970-71 for Military Cantonment;

(b) whether these farmers have been paid any compensation for the aforesaid land;

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for making immediate payment of compensation to the farmers;

(d) whether the Government have provided a passage to the residents of Sugnu, Gari and Khatanga through this cantonment area;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the time by which the passage is likely to be provided to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF DEFENCE : (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Land in villages of Lalganj and Khatanga in Ranchi district, Bihar, was acquired for Defence purposes in 1972 and compensation was paid to the affected farmers. No land has been acquired in Mani City police station limits.

(d) to (f) The residents of Sugnu, Gari and Khatanaga have been provided a passage through the Cantonment area by the local military authorities.

Amount Spent on Persons Going Abroad for Training

7008. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who went abroad for training on Government expenses during April 1, 1991 to July 31, 1991;

(b) the number of persons from public sector undertakings among them and the total amount spent on them;

(c) whether the Government have decided to restrict the number of persons going abroad for training in view of the present foreign exchange crisis; and

(d) if so, the extent of decrease in the number of such persons during the above

period as compared to the corresponding period of 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) to (d) Most of the foreign training programmes are funded under the various plans/Projects, etc. No expenditure is involved for training under such training programmes. There are very few training programmes of highly specialised nature where no funding is available. It is only in such cases that the officers are deputed for training at Government cost.

The information in respect of parts (a), (b) and (d) is not centrally maintained. The same will be collected from the various Ministries/Departments and laid on the Table of the House, as early as possible.

[*English*]

Conversion of State Highways into National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

7009. SHRI K.V.R. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government of Andhra Pradesh has sent any proposal to the Union Government for conversion of State Roads into National Highways; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement indicating the roads proposed by the State Government is enclosed. The decision to declare new National Highways in the country including in Andhra Pradesh could be taken only after finalisation of the 8th Five Year Plan.